

House Resolution 1982

By: Representatives Smyre of the 132nd, Buckner of the 130th, Smith of the 131st, Smith of the 129th, and Hugley of the 133rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of Mr. Thomas Bryant Buck, Jr.; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas Bryant Buck, Jr., passed away at his residence on March 25, 2008,
3 at the age of 91; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was born on February 25, 1917, in Columbus, Georgia, the son of the late
5 Thomas B. Buck, Sr., and Helen Dodd Buck; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Industrial High School in 1934 and attended Georgia
7 Military College and began working at a young age with his father, and at one time he was
8 president of the Buck Bottling Company, Buck Ice and Coal Company, Eelbeck Milling
9 Company, Buck Realty, Inc., and Buck Development Company; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Mr. Buck was a long-time active member of the First Baptist Church serving
11 as an usher, deacon, and other areas of leadership, and he was honored as an emeritus
12 member of the Church's Board of Deacons, on which he began serving in 1943; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was a past president of Columbus YMCA, Columbus Rotary Club,
14 Columbus Chamber of Commerce, and the Georgia Bottlers Association and he was a former
15 member of the Board of Directors of AFLAC, the Board of Directors of the old First
16 National Bank, and emeritus board member of Wachovia Bank, NA, Columbus, Georgia.
17 He was an original member of the Board of Trustees of Columbus State University
18 Foundation and served until his death. He was named outstanding man of the year by the
19 Columbus Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1949. He was also a Paul Harris Fellow of
20 Rotary International. On December 15, 2007, he was presented a Doctor of Humane Letters
21 Degree by Columbus State University, the highest award a college or university can bestow;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, he is survived by his son, Thomas B. Buck, III and his wife, Susan; grandsons,
2 Leslie L. Buck, Jr. and his wife, Reiko, and Randolph B. Buck, Jr.; granddaughters, Shannon
3 Buck Findley and her husband, Tyler, and Rebecca Buck Gross and her husband, Caleb;
4 great-grandson, Thomas T. Findley; two sisters, Jean Buck Wilson and Jane Buck; one
5 brother, William C. Buck and his wife, Erie Sue. His wife, Violet Litchfield Buck,
6 predeceased him in 1998 as did his sons, Leslie L. Buck, Sr. and Randolph B. Buck, Sr. in
7 1995.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body express regret at the passing of Mr. Thomas Bryant Buck, Jr. and
10 convey condolences to his grieving family and friends.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mr. Thomas
13 Bryant Buck, Jr.